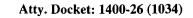


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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 3 with the following:

-- It is a further object of the present invention to <u>provide</u> provided a scanner/reader with a construction which is versatile, compact and can be easily associated and utilized with other devices, such as cell phones, pagers, personal data assistants, etc --

